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PRESS "BLACK-OUT" IN PROVINCE

No Newspapers To-morrow

BOMBAY, December 16.

A statement issued by the Secretary of the Bombay Press Advisory Committee says:—

"In accordance with the decision reached at an Emergency Meeting of Newspapers' Editors held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, under the auspices of the Bombay Press Advisory Committee, the undermentioned newspapers are suspending publication for one day. No issue of these newspapers will appear on Friday the 18th instant".

1. AJMAL (DAILY URDU).
2. ALHILAL (DAILY URDU).
3. BOMBAY CHRONICLE (DAILY ENGLISH).
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5. BOMBAY SENTINEL (DAILY ENGLISH).
6. BOMBAY VARTMAN (DAILY GUJARATI).
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10. INQUILAB (URDU DAILY).
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13. KHILAFAT (URDU DAILY).
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18. PRABHAT (DAILY MARATHI).
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21. SANJ VARTMAN (DAILY GUJARATI).
22. SOCIAL WELFARE (FRIDAY WEEKLY ENGLISH).
23. VANDE MATARAM (DAILY GUJARATI).
24. VISHWAMITRA (DAILY HINDI)

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25. SANDESH
26. SAMACHAR.
27. PRABHAT.
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In Surat

29. GUJERAT.
30. GUJERAT MITRA
31. PRATAP.

In Poona

32. DNYANAPRAKASH.
33. SAKAL.
34. PRABHAT.
35. SAMACHAR.

The bi-weekly "Kesari" and the week'y "Mahratta" will have their issues on Saturday instead of Friday.

TAKE ORDERS FROM JINNAH

Muslim League Dictates Terms To Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

"The Committee decides that the League Ministers may continue in office" is the verdict of the Special Committee appointed by the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to enquire and "take such steps as it may think proper" in regard to the formation of ministry in Sind.

The Special Committee consisted of Nawab Ismailkhan, Mr. Hussain Imam, Sir Nazimuddin, Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman and Kazi Mohammed Isa.

In their report to the President of the League, Mr. M. A Jinnah, the Committee say that they found members of the Sind Provincial League "unanimously of the opinion that the Muslim League Ministers should continue in office."

The Committee after their enquiry came to the following conclusions:—

1. That the third Muslim minister Pir Ellahi Baksh should be asked to join the League Party in the Legislature and sign its pledge. And if that were not possible, he should be replaced in the cabinet by another Muslim Leaguer.

2. That Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah should assure Mr. Jinnah that he would carry out the Muslim League policy and programme and abide by the advice and instructions given to him from time to time by Mr Jinnah.

3. That the followers of the Premier numbering five and the followers of Pir Ellahi Baksh numbering six or more should join the Muslim League Party in the Legislature and sign its pledge

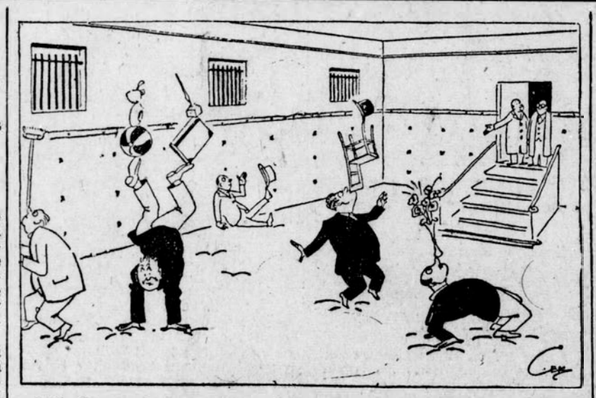
The Committee was glad to announce that all the three conditions had been fully carried out and had, therefore, decided that the League ministers may continue in office.

Gwyer Elected

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

For the third time in succession, the Executive Council of the University of Delhi recommended to the Chancellor the name of Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, for the Vice-Chancellorship of the University for a further period of two years.

At the meeting a letter from the Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan was read out, withdrawing his candidature.



"It's the ward for neutral editors who have gone gaga trying to write balanced editorials on the war!"—(Courtesy: "Dublin Opinion").

PHILLIPS' MISSION IN INDIA

"Washington Post" Suggests Mediation In Future

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, December 15.

In Washington President Roosevelt told the Press that Mr. William Phillips would probably proceed to New Delhi without returning to Washington to consult him He remarked that he and Mr. Phillips are old friends. He added that Mr. Phillips knows why his going was intimated. Possibly President Roosevelt has conferred with Mr Phillips previously on the subject Asked what was the purpose of Mr Phillips going to New Delhi. President Roosevelt referred questioners to his formal statement last week.

Satisfactory From All Points Of View

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, December 15.

The "Washington Post" said: "Mr. Phillips' appointment to India is "satisfactory from all points of view There need not be fear on the part of either the British Government or the minority groups in India that Mr Phillips will go to New Delhi with any personal prepossessions Our chief need from India presently is objective information which Mr. Phillips will furnish. Some day the administration may use his observations as equipment for proffering mediation in India.

Plea For Conciliation In India

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Removal of the ban on conversations between the interned Congress Party leaders and responsible third parties is urged by the Society of Friends in a plea for conciliation in India.

The Society "earnestly ask for co-operation of our fellow Christians in promoting steps to an understanding and in impressing upon the Government that the policy of closed door is contrary to the Christian public opinion."—Reuter.

Fight In Papua Not Yet Over

Jap Landing On Mambare Delta Is Potential Threat To Allied Forces

LONDON, Dec. 16.

From Reuter's special correspondent at advanced Allied base in New Guinea:—There is decidedly no tendency in informed circles here to think that the campaign in Papua is over with the capture of Gona and Buna village. The Japanese landing on the Mambare river delta about halfway between Buna and Lae again demonstrates their determination and resourcefulness.

In this new position the Japanese lie astride any eventual Allied coastal advance on Lae and Salamaua and offer a potential threat to the forces assaulting Buna.

FIELD DAY FOR ALLIED PLANES

The Japanese reinforcements landed on Mambare and Kumusi deltas near Cape Ward Hunt, about halfway between Lae and Buna yesterday are being subjected to ceaseless attack from the air. With Japanese planes conspicuous by their absence, Allied planes had a field day. It is thought that about 1,000 Japanese eventually reached the shore in an attempt to establish a new beachhead and they spent most of the day swimming about in the sea and in an effort to salvage what remained of their floating supplies. Many drums with white flag markers were blown up killing the enemy in the water. Buna village is now being occupied by American troops but heavy fighting is still going on round the remaining Japanese positions at Buna Missions and near the airfield.

LAVAL IN CAR MISHAP

ZURICH, Dec. 16.

According to a Paris report M. Laval was involved in a motor accident on a road to Paris. The car was damaged in a skid at Poully but M. Laval was not injured.

Darlan On His Role Then And Now

Liberated France Will Choose Her Own Leaders & Govt.

LONDON, December 16.

Admiral Darlan in a statement to Allied correspondents in North Africa to-night said that when liberated from the Axis Yoke, the French people would themselves freely decide their form of Government and their national policy. The restoration of full rights to those deprived of them by the Vichy racial laws has already been done.

He said: "I seek no assistance or support for any personal ambitions. I have announced that my sole purpose is to save French Africa and help Free France and then retire to private life with the hope that the future leaders of France may be selected by the French people themselves and by no one else."

Saying that co-operation with the Germans had been forced upon him, Admiral Darlan added "The Germans had me by the throat. Every move I made, everything I said or wrote and everyone with whom I talked came under the closest German scrutiny. There were spies about me all the time." He claimed that his purposes had been to protect the French against more severe German repressive measures.

Admiral Darlan pledged that once free from the yoke of Axis oppression, the French people would themselves decide freely their form of Government and national policy.

A full "amnesty" he said, had already had been granted to those whose Allied sympathies had brought retaliatory measures upon them.

A body of representative citizens was at present being organised to co-operate with him in an advisory and consultative capacity on official business. Restoration of full rights to those deprived of them on account of Vichy racial laws had already begun, Admiral Darlan said, adding "measures have been taken to stop immediately whatever persecution of Jews may have resulted from the laws passed in France under German pressure."

Eden's Statement In Commons

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, told the Commons to-day that French nationals interned for having aided the arrival of the Allied forces in North Africa had been released and he assured the House that the Allied Commander-in-Chief was following closely the measures for the release of persons detained on account of their sympathies with the Allies.

"As regards French West Africa," added Mr. Eden "the Governor-General has given instructions for the immediate release and return to British Colonies of all British and United Nations' internees. The British Government for their part are making arrangements for the release of French internees in British West African territories".

INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE

Replying to questions, Mr. Eden said that conditions of those of the International Brigade and all other internees were borne in mind by the authorities in North Africa. Mr. Shinwell (Labour):—But can we be assured that the solicitude for Gen. Franco will prevent these men of the International Brigade being released?

Capt. Duncan (Labour):—Can we have a guarantee that on no account will members of the International Brigade be sent back to Spain?

Mr. Eden:—I think I can quite certainly give that guarantee.—Reuter.

Big Prize On Rommel's Head

"An offer of £10,000 if you capture Rommel either dead or alive", has been telegraphed to an officer who is believed to be in pursuit of Rommel somewhere along the North African coast. The money is to be paid to the battalion. The donor of this prize is Mr. Charles Lee, grandfather of the officer, Capt. Edgar Lee Gibbons of the Rifle Brigade.

Capt. Gibbons was on the scene when three Italian Generals were captured early in the struggle. When Bastuk was captured he made a dramatic escape.

MORE SUPPLIES AT MALTA

More supplies have been landed at Malta. It is authoritatively stated that the operation was carried through without incident.

MINES IMPEDE ADVANCE

Allied Troops Harass Retreating Enemy West Of Agheila

CAIRO, Dec. 16.

To-day's Middle East joint war 'communique' states: "Our leading forces although still greatly impeded by mines continue to harass the retreating enemy and are now well west of Agheila.

Machine-gun attacks by night fighters who operated as far west as Nofilia were followed by an intense light bomber and fighter-bomber raid during yesterday. Pilots report a great column of traffic moving westwards. At least one enemy fighter was shot down during a small scale air battle which developed. Allied heavy bombers successfully attacked Naples causing large fires in the barbour areas on the night of December 14/15.

TUNIS BOMBED

Tunis and La Goulette was again attacked in force on the same night. Hits were scored on ships, jetties and a fuel depot. The Railway between Sousse and Sfax was also attacked. A beached vessel near Sousse was hit by a torpedo from a naval aircraft. At least four southbound enemy transport aircraft in a heavily escorted air-convoy were shot down by our fighters off Lampedusa Island. Two small enemy vessels off the coast of Tunis were also attacked.

"From these operations four of our aircraft did not return."—Reuter.

FORWARD UNITS IN CONTACT WITH AXIS

CAIRO, Dec. 16.

Gen. Rommel is still retreating as fast as possible with Gen. Montgomery's troops right on his heels. The forward units are maintaining contact with the Axis, who are fighting rear guard actions.

The Eighth Army is now pushing forward in country where going is slightly improved owing to the fade-out of the saltmarsh belt although land mines are still slowing down Allied advance. Among the sand dunes of the coastal belt to a depth of several miles Axis machine-gunners and artillery men supported by handfuls of tanks have been fighting hit and run action. It is possible that a certain number of prisoners are being taken by advance units.

IN TUNISIA

Allies Hold Positions In Medjez-El-Bab Area

Morocco radio said that afternoon that it is learned from the Tunisian front that Allied forces are firmly holding all positions in the Medjez-el-Bab region.

Even where Axis forces had earlier been spotted patrols have not discovered any signs of them.

HE WAS FIRST

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa wires:— The first American soldier to reach the Headquarters of the German Armistice Commission during the assault on Fedala in Morocco on November 8, was Sergeant N. Ryan.

He has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for finding important German documents, which proved most useful to the Allies and standing guard over them. Although the hotel was under bombardment by the United States warships. Several direct hits were scored on the hotel, but Ryan stuck to his post.

Ryan is a 31-year old, grandson of late Thomas Fortune Ryan, United States copper magnate.—Reuter.

DURBAN COLLEGE FOR INDIANS

Hofmeyr Hopes City Council Will Give Suitable Site

(From Our Correspondent)

DURBAN, Dec. 16.

The Minister of Education, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, has given his blessing to the scheme for Indian Technical College, Durban.

Interviewed he expressed the hope that City Council would explore all avenues to find a suitable site for the proposed £35,000 building for which a wealthy Indian has promised 17,500 and the Government a similar amount, provided the Council gives a site.

OBJECTION TO ORIGINAL SITE

Objection was raised against the original selection of the site by the Council on grounds of penetration of European area.

Mr. Hofmeyr stressed the alternative site should be "suitable" and it was not miles out of the town

INDIANS MUST GET IT

The Chairman of the Indian Technical College Committee who is an ex-Principal of a European Technical College Mr. Narbeth, said "To deprive the Indian people of this land must embitter relations between the Indian and European sections of the community at a critical stage in our history without any compensatory advantage."

Mr. Narbeth declared the City Council cannot be oblivious of its responsibilities to the Indian ratepayers. "True, these rate-payers have no vote,—all the more reason why the Council should deal justly and generously with them."

The Council sent a deputation recently to West Pretoria for discussion with Ministers.

The whole problem of Indian penetration is expected to come up before the Statutory Committee to be shortly appointed to study all the aspects of the question. Hope is expressed that the Committee, which will have advisory powers will reach a solution satisfactory both to Indians and Europeans alike.

NOTICE TO "BOMBAY SENTINEL" READERS

In accordance with the decision of the Bombay Editors there will be no issue of the "Bombay Sentinel" to-morrow (Friday). The "Sentinel" will be published to-day.

U. S. AGENT ON UNITED NATIONS' WAR EFFORT

Arab Support Solicited: Promise Of Syrian Leban On Independence

(From Our Correspondent)

BEYROUT, Dec. 15.

Addressing the Syrian Lebanese journalists, the United States Diplomatic Agent Mr Wadsworth asked for Arab support in the United States' war effort. He added that the United States would support Syrian-Lebanon independence at the Peace Conference, if the Arabs continued support to the United Nations' war effort.

BRITAIN AND NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS IN POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden, was urged in the Commons today by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) to approach the Vatican and Swedish and other neutral or non-belligerent powers to make representations to the German Government respecting the treatment of Jews in Poland and to consider asking the Swedish Government to agree to temporary migration of Polish Jews to Sweden under appropriate guarantees.

Mr Eden replied that it would be for the Governments directly concerned to take the initiative in putting forward any such proposals if they thought fit and useful to do so.—Reuter.

A loan of Rs. 5,000, free of interest, has been granted by the Bombay Government to enable Bassein Municipality to open a fair-price grain shop. Grain and other articles will be sold in the shop at cost price.

HOW BRITAIN MEETS WAR COST

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The Chancellor of Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, replying to a debate on war finance in the House of Commons to-day said: In the first three years of war we met 42 per cent of our total expenditure from revenue and for the current year the figure would be practically 50 per cent. The results of the savings campaign had been remarkable averaging thirty million sterling weekly since the beginning of the war. The gross cost to tax-payers of borrowing in this war had been only one-third of the gross cost in the last war.

STOP PRESS

U. S. ARMY STRENGTH

WASHINGTON: The Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Robert Patterson, disclosed that the United States army now totals five million men.

ITALIAN SHIPS SEEK REFUGE

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish newspaper "Allehanda" quoting a German broadcast from an unnamed station says: "Three Italian battleships, including "Roma" and "Vittorio", were compelled by R. A. F. bombardments to leave Naples and seek harbour at Toulon."

AXIS BLOCKADE RUNNER INTERCEPTED

LONDON: The interception of Axis blockade runner in the Atlantic is announced by the Admiralty. A 'communique' says: "An enemy merchant vessel of some 5,000 tons has been intercepted by our patrols in the Atlantic, while attempting to run the blockade."

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U. S. PLANES BOMB BURMA RAILWAY JUNCTION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

Medium-bombers of the Tenth Air Force based in India, escorted by a formation of fighters, on December 14 attacked enemy installations at Myohaung railroad junction near Mandalay, says a 'communique' issued by the Headquarters, United States Army Forces China, Burma and India. The results were unobserved. On December 13 other medium-bombers with fighter escort made an offensive patrol in northern Burma. Freight cars at Namti were strafed and fires started. On a low-level sweep up the Chindwin River hits were claimed on a forty-foot motor boat.

On December 15, fighter planes from a base in Assam conducted an offensive mission with light bombs against a gun convoy in the Hukawng Valley. A direct hit and several near misses were reported. The village of Maingkwan, which is serving as an enemy advanced headquarters, was strafed and fires were started. We sustained no damage to planes or personnel in these operations.—A. P.

LONDON: The Polish Government's new Ambassador to China Poninski is now on his way to Chungking, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

NON-STOP JAP FLOW TO SOLOMONS

Reuter's special correspondent with the United States Navy in the South-West Pacific wires from Suva: "The Japanese have been keeping up almost non-stop fight for the Solomons and their expenditure in fighting ships and transports has been almost confounding. Repeatedly they have been repulsed with heavy losses only to return again and again with more ships and more men. This has made the Solomons the established front line for the opposing fleets into which every available type of naval weapon is being thrown and every form of tactics exercised.

Vichy Radio On Lebrun

LONDON, Dec. 16—The Vichy radio denies that M. Lebrun has escaped from France and says that he is on his estate near Grenoble.

JAP DIPLOMATS TO CONFER

ISTANBUL, Dec. 16.

It is believed that Japanese diplomats are to hold another of their periodical conferences in Ankara shortly. A Japanese military mission, consisting of two Generals and eight other Officers has already arrived there, accompanied by the Japanese military attaches in Berlin and Bucharest.—Reuter.

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W. LAMOND,
Managing Director.
(2541)

NOTICE

BY THE PROVINCIAL COAL CONTROLLER, BOMBAY.

A SYSTEM of control over the distribution of wagons for the supply of coal will be brought into effect from 1st January, 1943, with a view to ensure distribution according to the urgency and priority of requirements of small industries not directly engaged on War work, and for domestic use. Under the above scheme the Controller of Coal Distribution, Government of India, Calcutta, has allowed quotas to the various collieries in the Bengal and Bihar fields for the different Provinces. The Provincial Coal Controllers have to make their recommendations regarding distribution for each month to the Central Coal Controller Calcutta, so as to reach him by the 20th of the preceding month. All consumers of coal should, therefore, notify Provincial Coal Controller, Department of Industries, Bombay, regarding their requirements for the month of January 1943, by THE 18TH DECEMBER, 1942, at the latest, and for every subsequent month by the 5TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. Applications not received by the due dates mentioned above are liable to be rejected. Information regarding collieries from which the applicants want to get their coal supplies should be furnished in the applications. It will be open to the Provincial Controller to fix any other collieries for the supply.

Industrial Concerns not on war work who require one or more wagons of coal per month will be granted priority on their own or their coal merchants names on their furnishing details of their needs for January and subsequent months and their normal average monthly consumption.

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N. V. S. MURTI.
Executive Engineer, Presidency.
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N. C. BLAZEY,
D. F. H. (Lon.), A.M.I.E.E.,
Electrical Engineer,
Central & Aviation Electrical Division, C.P.W.D
W.I.A.A. Building, Churchgate Reclamation, Bombay.
2738

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. DATTATRAYA SIDHRAM KUMAR, of Bombay Telugu Munurwar Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property free from incumbrances

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Spinner Building, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of Quit and Ground Rent tenure, containing by admeasurement 91-4/9 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Bombay under New Survey No. 4A/6555 and Cadastral Survey No. 1/378 of Byculla Division together with the messuage tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 2036 and Street No. 64, all which premises are situate at and on the North side of Kamathipura 13th Street, within the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded, on the East by the property of Jungumud Najan, on the West by the property of Sabita Venkati, on the North by sweepers passage and on the South by Kamathipura 13th Street.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1942.

SOLOMON & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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Public Notices

NOTICE

BY THE PROVINCIAL COAL CONTROLLER, BOMBAY.

A system of control over the distribution of wagons for the supply of Hard-coke will be brought into effect from 1st January, 1943, with a view to ensure distribution according to the urgency and priority of requirements of small industries not directly engaged on War work, and for domestic use. The Provincial Coal Controller, Bombay, has to make his recommendations regarding distribution for each month to the Central Coal Controller, Calcutta, so as to reach him by the 20th of the preceding month. All consumers of Hard-coke should, therefore, notify Provincial Coal Controller, Department of Industries, Bombay, regarding their requirements for the month of January 1943, by the 20TH DECEMBER, 1942, at the latest, and for every subsequent month by the 5TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. Applications not received by the due dates mentioned above are liable to be rejected. Information regarding collieries from which the applicants want to get their coke supplies should be furnished in the applications. It will be open to the Provincial Controller to fix any other collieries for the supply.

Industrial Concerns not on war work who require one or more wagons of Hard-coke per month will be granted priority on their own or their coke merchants' names on their furnishing details of their needs for January and subsequent months and their normal average monthly consumption.

Merchants and dealers will be granted priorities on their furnishing information on (a) the normal quantities of Hard-coke imported by them during each of the months since January, 1941, to the end of November, 1942, and (b) list of industrial concerns to whom they supply Hard-coke, together with quantities supplied to each during the years 1941 and 1942, respectively. Dealers and merchants who furnish figures which on verification are found incorrect are liable to be excluded from the priority list.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. RUSTOMJI BURJORJI SPENCER and Bai AIMAI, wife of the said Dr. Rustomji Burjorji Spencer, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that piece or parcel of Government Leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the North side of Victoria Road formerly known as Mount Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2710 (Two thousand seven hundred and ten Square Yards) or thereabouts being a portion of a larger piece or parcel of land, admeasuring 3635 Square Yards and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 106 and 107, New No. part 16340, Current Rent Roll No. B/7975, Old Survey No. 1/703 and 2/703, New Survey No. 1B/3649, Cadastral Survey No. 2/576 part of Mazagaon Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 7689(2) and Street No. 16A, E Ward No. 7689 (7-8), Street No. 16B and 16C and E Ward No. 7689(4), Street Nos. 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158 and 140E and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of the Administrators of the late Dinshaw Sorabji Warden, on or towards the West by the property of Sir Ratan Jamshedji Tata bearing New No. 3651, on or towards the North by the property of the Vendors and on or towards the South by the said Victoria Road and which said premises are in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1942.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) KASHIBAI alias LAXMIBAI, wife of N. G. Agaskar, (2) HIRABAI KHANDERAO PANDURANG and (3) Dr. (Miss) MANEEKBAI KHANDERAO PANDURANG the Trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated the 22nd day of December, 1934, made between Khanderao Wassoodew Pandurang and the said Khanderao Wassoodew Pandurang, Bai KASHIBAI alias LAXMIBAI wife of N. G. Agaskar, Bai HIRABAI KHANDERAO NAVALKAR and Bai MANEEKBAI KHANDERAO NAVALKAR, have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to my client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office at Khorshed Baug, Opposite Thana Railway Station, Thana, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All those pieces or parcels of agricultural land, situate at Nowpada, Thana, Taluka Salsette District Thana together with the trees standing thereon and all the appurtenances and rights of easements relating thereto and bearing the following description:

S. N.	H. No.	Area	Kharaba	Total	Assessment
126	2	—	0-1	0-1	—
127A	—	0-33½	0-1	0-34½	1-13-0
127B	—	0- 2	—	0-2	0- 2-0
127C	—	0-1½	—	0-1½	0- 1-3
146	—	7-19¼	0-6¾	7-26	6- 0-0
46	3	0- 2	0- ½	0-2½	0- 7-3
46	4	0- 1	—	0-1	0- 3-9
46	13	0- 3½	—	0-3½	0-12-9
46	14	0- ½	—	0- ½	0- 1-9
46	15	0- 1	—	0-1	0- 3-3
47	2	3- 2¼	0-9¼	3-11½	25- 4-0
48	1	1- 1¼	0- ¼	1-1¼	5- 8-0
49	—	4-20	0-23	5-3	26- 3-0
50	—	0-38	0- 2	1-0	2-11-0
51	—	4-23¾	0-18¼	5-2	26- 8-0
52	—	2- 1¼	—	2-1¼	7- 8-0
53	1|1	0-31¼	—	0-31¼	3-12-0
54A	—	2-31½	0-1¼	2-33	7-12-0
54B	—	0- 6	—	0- 6	0-14-9
83	3	0-27¼	0- 5¼	0-33½	0-11-6
45	1	0- 3	0- ¼	0 3¼	0-11-6
38	3	0- 2¼	0- 2½	0- 2¾	0- 2-9
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Dated this 17th day of December, 1942.
Address:
Khorshed Baug,
Thana, Oppo. Railway Station.

A. V. DIGHE,
Pleader for the Purchaser.
(2737)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROSABAI, widow of Balaram Keroba Nayek and MOTIRAM VINAYAK JAYAKAR, the surviving Trustees of the estate of the late Anandrao Sunderji Dharadhar, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 101, Mahatma Gandhi Road, (Esplanade Road), Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

(1) ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground (redeemed) situate, lying and being at Navi Wadi, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 230 square yards registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 64, New No. 640, Old Survey No. 369 and New Survey No. 301 and Cadastral Survey No. 1997 of Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "C" Ward No. 4849 to 51 and Street No. 17 and which premises are bounded as follows, that is to say, on the North by the property of S. K. Brahmandkar, on the South by the property of Jamnadas Mangaldas and Sadashiv Kondiram, on the East by the property of Harilal Maneklal Gandhi and another and on the West by the Navi Wadi Road and are in possession of the Vendors and their tenants.

(2) ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground (now redeemed) together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at New Wadi, off Dady Seth Agiary Road, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and in the Island of Bombay containing by admeasurement 677 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 639, New Survey No. 300, Cadastral Survey No. 1996 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "C" Ward Nos. 4846(1), 4846(2), 4846(3) 4847 and 4848 and Street Nos. 21, 21-A, 21-B and 19 and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East partly by the property of Kaliandas Jagmohandas and partly by the property of Maneklal B. Gandhi, on or towards the West by the Lane called New Wadi, on or towards the North by the property first above referred to and on or towards the South by the property of Purnand Sitaram and Others and are in possession of the Vendors and their tenants.

Dated this 15th day December, 1942.

KHUNDERAO LAUD & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(2734)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MAHOMED YUSUF HABIB, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 45-47, Gresham Buildings, Esplanade Road Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of Government Land, containing by admeasurement 133 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 2887, New No. 9866, Old Survey No. 2813, New Survey No. 4321 and Cadastral Survey No. 3715 of Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing or lying thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under C Ward No. 7300 and Street No. 204 to 208, New Street Nos. 108, 110 and which said premises are situate at Khoja Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Khoja Street, on or towards the West by a sweepers passage, on or towards the North by the property of Walli Mahomed Haji Moosa and on or towards the South by the property of Lowji Ladha.

Dated this 15th day of December 1942.

PEREIRA FAZALBHOY, & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(2741)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. DHARAMSI MULRAJ KHATAU, LAXMIDAS MULRAJ KHATAU, CHANDRAKANT MULRAJ KHATAU and LALITKUMAR MULRAJ KHATAU, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell to our client Mr. HASANMIYA KALA SULTAN free from all incumbrances and claims the lands hereditaments and premises described in Schedule hereunder written.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand into or upon the said lands hereditaments and premises or any part thereof by way of inheritance, bequest, maintenance, sale, gift, trust, lease, underlease, mortgage, charge, lien, possession, easements, encumbrances or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to any such claim or interest not so made known in writing as aforesaid and the same, if any, shall be considered as absolutely waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Sheikh Memon Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and fifteen square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue at Bombay under Collector's Old No. 131, New No. 1289, Old Survey No. 151, New Survey No. 1411 and Cadastral Survey No. 1450 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under Ward "C" Nos. 269 (2) and 270, Street Nos. 172 to 178 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Sheikh Memon Street, on or towards the West partly by the Common passage and partly by the Lakhmidas Khimji Cloth Market, on or towards the North by the Lakhmidas Khimji Cloth Market and on or towards the South by the property of Ratanchand Mulchand.

Dated this 15th day of December 1942.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(2736)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHAVAKSHAW JAMSHEDJI DUBASH and his wife Bai NAWAJBAI have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client, free from all incumbrances.

ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes and to the undersigned at their office at Alli Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen (14) days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Foras Redeemed land or ground, situate at the Junction of Sussex and Connaught Roads in the City of Bombay and Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2478 square yards be the same more or less, bearing New Survey No. 3655, Cadastral Survey No. 694 of Mazagaon Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'E' Ward Nos. 7461 (2), 7461 (2A-2AA), 7461 (3) and Street Nos. 10 to 14, 1, 8-6, 36 to 40 and bounded as follows that is to say:—On or towards the WEST by Cork Road, on or towards the SOUTH partly by Sussex Road and partly by a Public Passage, on or towards the NORTH by the Great Western Mills and on or towards the EAST by a Public Street.

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2735.

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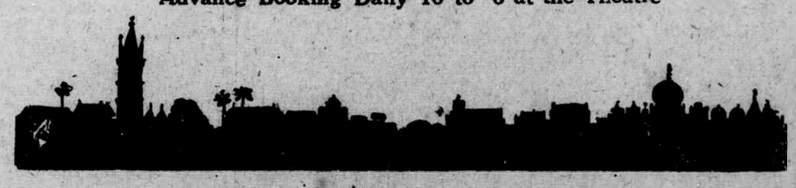

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NATIONAL UNITY

It is not yet clear whether Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and his colleagues of the Non-Party Conference and the invitees who met at Allahabad have been successful in their search for a solution of the political deadlock that is hampering the country's progress towards freedom. Evidently some hurdles have been successfully crossed, but there are still others, perhaps even more formidable, to be tackled. Though the brief preliminary statement issued on behalf of the Conference is non-committal and reticent as to the exact achievements of the session, the note of optimism in Mr. Rajagopalachari's pronouncements after the Conference, raises hopes that the goal in view, viz., the devising of a common national platform for the various political elements in the country may be brought distinctly nearer through the labours of the leaders who met at Allahabad. Such a consummation is devoutly to be wished for. If political disunity in the country should prevent the materialisation of a genuine National Government—in place of the present one of puppets whose leading strings are in the hands of the Viceroy—during the currency of the War, it would be a calamity for which the nation may have to pay with many more decades to come of political slavery. Every sincere patriot will, therefore, wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Rajagopalachari's suggestion that nothing should be done to mar the chances of success of the efforts to reach a solution of the deadlock and that a genuine spirit of give-and-take should prevail among all the parties to the communal settlement.

Settlement Possible

Is an honest communal settlement really unachievable in this country? We are emphatically of the opinion that it is not so, but—and it is a big "but", bigger, indeed, than any other conditions of success—it is paramountly important that all the parties concerned, whether they be "major" or "minor," should be inspired not only by a sincere spirit of give-and-take, but also by the spirit of readiness to concede to others what one expects to be conceded to oneself. If the various parties desirous of a satisfactory communal settlement are convinced that the settlement can come about only under such conditions and if all of them are prepared to carry on the negotiations for the settlement in the spirit of give-and-take as well as of doing unto others as you would be done by, we do not see why a satisfactory settlement of all the thorny questions at issue should not be achieved speedily. One fact that needs to be emphasized is that the Congress, which claims to represent not this or that community alone but the Indian people as a whole, whatever the spokesmen of the other parties may say to the contrary, has definitely conceded, once and for all, the principle of self-determination to all territorial units in the Indian Union of the future. The resolution adopted at its Delhi meeting by the Working Committee and endorsed by the A. I. C. C. meeting at Allahabad clearly declared that "the Committee cannot think of compelling the people in any territorial unit to remain in an Indian Union against their declared and established will". This declaration ought to satisfy every reasonable Leaguer, for it, in effect, concedes unequivocally the principle of self-determination to Muslims in all the Muslim-majority provinces though the plebiscite will be on a territorial and not communal basis. If the people of the Punjab or Bengal should, by a majority, demand that their Province should be cut off from the rest of India, the Congress would not resist that demand. But—and this is essential that Muslims should remember—the Muslim majority in that Province will have completely to satisfy the minor communities in the province that their interests will be safe in the hands of the majority.

Cynical Inconsistency

While the paramount importance of a united front by all parties cannot be over-emphasized, the statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Non Party Conference rightly points out that the recent Indian speeches of prominent British statesmen may be described as savouring of skilful propaganda designed to persuade the Allied Nations and more particularly the doubting Americans and the sympathetic Chinese that the root cause of Indian unrest lies deep in the historic diversities of race, religion, culture and political outlook of the Indian people and not in British reluctance to part with real power. Not only is there reluctance to part with power, but there is also an indication of a desire to deprive the people of what little say they have had in the management of their affairs. As a result of the Ordinance Raj, the constitutional position, as the Standing Committee of the Non-Party Conference says, is, in some important respects, worse than it has ever been during the last hundred years. The Standing Committee characterizes as cynical the inconsistency between the British Government's insistence on Indians taking initiative and presenting a united demand and its refusal to pledge itself to accept such a demand. It is more than cynical. It is hardly honest. Not only do the British Government and its spokesmen refuse to shoulder their moral responsibility of taking all possible steps which will facilitate a political settlement, but they even hinder such an agreement by refusing permission to interview Gandhiji and do not declare unequivocally that they will immediately implement any agreement that is arrived at between Indian political parties. They adopt this policy because they do not wish to part with power and are determined, as Mr. Churchill has said, to hold on to their Empire as it was before the war—an Empire in which India played the role of a milch-cow for Britain and her White Dominions.

Mr. Attlee's "Empire"

Answering questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Attlee, the Deputy Prime Minister, gave the "details for the Empire's war effort". These details which concern the number of fighting men contributed to the three services are interesting, particularly for their omissions. Mr. Attlee dealt with Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland and "white" southern Rhodesia. There was no mention of India! But, perhaps, it was no fault of Mr. Attlee. Figures relating to India's contribution of men to the "Empire's War Effort" might have been embarrassing. This country has given over a million men to the Empire's army—more than the combined strength of the countries mentioned by Mr Attlee. That comparison alone might have induced the world to raise its already inquisitive eye-brow a little higher. Then there was the second trouble, the pitifully small figures regarding the alleged Royal Indian Navy and the even more alleged Indian Air Force. These figures, too, would have caused embarrassment. But they are minor matters. India was not mentioned because she is not entitled to be mentioned. This country is not a "member" of the Empire. It is something like a property belonging to an Empire the membership of which is composed of Great Britain and the white units authoritatively detailed by Mr. Attlee. Mr. Attlee's omissions are, as we have said, interesting. They are also quite instructive.

Atlantic Charter In Br. Post-War Plan

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Although no negotiations are at present in progress, the British Government have every intention of working with the United States and Soviet Russia as well as with other United Nations towards a common programme of post-war economic co-operation so as to carry into effect the objects of the Atlantic Charter, the Lease-Lend agreement and the Anglo-Russian agreement.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, made this announcement at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Eden announced in the House of Commons that certain essential parliamentary discussions were now proceeding with Allied and Dominion Governments concerned with a view to the establishment of an United Nations' Commission for investigation of war crimes. Meanwhile arrangements were being elaborated whereby information available to the British Government regarding war crimes committed against British subjects might be submitted to the Commission. No doubt other Governments concerned were making their own arrangements regarding war crimes against their nationals.

Frankly Speaking

Japs In Papua

The last Japanese attempt to reinforce the beleaguered garrisons in Papua did not altogether fail. Although they suffered heavy losses the Japs did succeed in landing about a thousand troops some fifty miles north-west of Buna. But this success need not affect the situation at all. The force landed is probably without much of its necessary equipment and is, moreover, being hammered day and night by General MacArthur's aircraft. It will, therefore, be of little assistance, direct or indirect, to Japanese garrisons trapped in Sauananda and the Buna Mission. Both are being heavily attacked by Allied troops and we should not be surprised if the fall of both were announced soon by General MacArthur.

A Big Gain

In that case the Jap remnants just landed would be worse stranded unless they received further sea-borne assistance to enable them to establish a real defensive beachhead 50 miles north-west of Buna. But that would suit General MacArthur, for his aircraft would be able to bag a few more Jap cruisers and destroyers let alone aircraft personnel and supplies. And in any case the new beachhead will not affect the important gain of an air base in the Gona-Buna area. This base can and will be used to nearly as great effect as the Americans are using the Henderson airfield in Guadalcanar. That airfield has already accounted for scores of Japanese naval and merchantships and hundreds of aircraft. Indeed, it has turned the tide of war in the South-west Pacific.

Escaped!

Latest reports suggest that Field Marshal Rommel has not only fled with four divisions, their equipment and their supplies but has also put a distance of over 60 miles between himself and General Montgomery. And much of this distance is, moreover, strewn with mines. The result is that while Rommel is free to run, his antagonist is not free to pursue him at any comparable speed. It is clear, therefore, that barring any surprise like a seaborne expedition in his rear, Rommel has a clear route for his Africa Korps, a route rapid progress along which can be contested only by aircraft. The Allies have air supremacy over the present area of retreat and for the first two days their aircraft are claimed to have done good destructive work. Will they be able to continue their success on such a scale as to cripple Rommel's capacity to gallop away to the comparative safety of Misurata, Homs and Tripoli?

Explosion At Kolhapur Post Office

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 16.

Last night, another crude bomb exploded in Kolhapur City Post Office. No one was injured, and there was no damage to property.—A. P.

Explosion Where Bombs Were Made?

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 16.

Two persons were injured and removed to hospital when an explosion took place in a house in Mamu Naik Street. It is stated that the explosion occurred, when a bomb was being made there.—A. P.

'Berads' Loot Food Caravan

POONA: A caravan of four bullock carts loaded with food grains proceeding along Belgaum-Sankeshwar Road is reported to have been attacked by a band of "Berads" on the night of Sunday and the food grains were looted, according to a message from Belgaum.

A postal runner is reported to have been waylaid near Jangamhatti in Khanapur Taluka and relieved of his mail bags.

Annagouda Patil has been arrested under D. I. R. at Gajapati.—A. P.

BRITAIN WON'T PROTEST TO FRANCO

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Replying to questions regarding Gen. Franco's recent speech praising Mussolini and his message to Hitler expressing the wish for the triumph of German arms, the Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden in the Commons to-day said that no protest had been made to Gen. Franco.

Asked further whether the British Government proposed to protest "against this breach of international custom on the part of a neutral power", Mr. Eden said he saw no advantage in lodging a protest.—Reuter.

Prohibition Hailed

MADRAS, Dec. 16.

"Prohibition is a boon to the weavers who as a class are addicted to drink and whose position, but for prohibition would have been miserable, especially during the period of war when the prices of yarn and dye-stuffs are violently fluctuating", says the report on the Administration of the Excise Revenue in the province of Madras for the year 1941-42.—A. P.

Assam Jamiet-ul-Ulema Leaders Jailed

"Hind Kesari" Editor Arrested Again: Collective Fine On Nasik Village

(Through A. P. and U. P.)

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

A collective fine of Rs. 1,000 has been imposed on the village of Bhagur, in the Nasik taluka of Nasik district.

Muslims, Bhils and Mahars, Government servants and all those who assisted the Police in their investigations are exempt from payment of the fine.

ASSAM CONVICTIONS

SYLHET: Haji Abdul Harman Choudhury and Maulavi Sikandar Ali, leading members of Assam Provincial Jamiet-ul-Ulema have been sentenced to one year's R. I. and five other members to nine months for leading an unauthorised procession at Karimganj town (Sylhet) on the 5th December. Mr. Pravash Chandra Dutta, a Science graduate, said to be a worker of the Forward Bloc, who was arrested at Karimganj Railway Station with some objectionable papers, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Maulvi Habibur Rahaman, a member of the Assam Provincial Jamiat-ul-Ulema has been arrested at Karimganj under the D. I. R. Mr. Nikunja Behari Goswami, a Congress worker has been arrested at Sylhet.

JHANSI: Mr. Mohammad Sher Khan, editor of the "Hind Kesari", a vernacular weekly, was arrested yesterday under the D. I. R.

Mr. Hher Khan was released from the jail last month after two months' detention under the D. I. R.

BAN ON PAMPHLET

(From Our Correspondent.)

JODHPUR: The Government of Jodhpur by a Special Jodhpur Government Gazette has proscribed all the copies of the Second Hindi Pamphlet "Jodhpur Andolanki Sachhi Hakikat" (True story about Jodhpur agitation) published by Mr. Kanhaiyalal D. Vaidya, member, Standing Committee, All-India States' Peoples' Conference.

A.I.C.C. MEMBER ARRESTED

GUNTUR: Mr. Chavali Suryanaryana, President of the Guntur Town Congress Committee and a member of the A.I.C.C., has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

MADRAS: Two Congressmen of Ulur, near Tanjore, who stood charged with having contravened an order of the District Magistrate of their district, have been sentenced to 18 months' R. I. each.

Mr. Amara Subbarao, a Congressman of Chirala, who was recently arrested under the D.I.R. has been sentenced to undergo 18 months' R. I. under Section 38(5) of the Rules, according to a report received here.

"ABSCONDER" ARRESTED

NASIK: Mr. Wamanrao Gangadhar Yardi, Secretary of the Nasik District Congress Committee, has been arrested to-day. Mr. Yardi had been declared as an absconder and a warrant for his arrest was pending since August 9.

Local students staged a demonstration in their schools and some shops were closed.

One Injured In Firing

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 16.

Police opened fire to-day when stone-throwing was indulged in at five places. One shot was fired injuring one person who was removed to the Civil Hospital. About a dozen arrests were made.

HEALTH OFFICER'S RECORDS BURNT

AHMEDABAD: Six bales of cloth lying in Muskati Cloth Market and record and furniture in the office of the Assistant Director of Public Health were set on fire this morning. The fire was immediately put out at both places.

PEN: An attempt was made to set fire to the local Civil Court. It is stated that three tin tubes had been placed in the court premises. The tubes were detected by a watchman when one of them began to burn, and the Nazir of the Court and other officials were informed.

Rustom Gandhi and Hamid Hassan Ali, both students, who had been arrested by the police under Rules 35 and 121 of the D. I. R. were placed before the First Class Magistrate of Pen. They were discharged by the Magistrate for want of evidence.

MILL PREMISES SEARCHED: AGENT ARRESTED

AHMEDABAD: The police searched the premises of the New Rajpur Mills to-day, but nothing incriminating was found.

The police have arrested Mr. Maganbhai Bhikabhai, mill agent, and one doctor, who is also a member of the District Local Board, on suspicion in connection with the recent bomb explosions in the city.

RAJKOT: It is reported that the Railway Police of Kathiawar have arrested 12 persons in connection with the derailment of a goods train between Wadhwan and Bala Road.

COLLEGE HOSTEL BURNT

ASSAM: The Madhab College Hostel at Barpeta was set on fire on the night of the 12th instant by some unknown miscreants. The building has been burnt.

SEC. 144 IN COIMBATORE

COIMBATORE: The order under Section 144 Cr P. C. prohibiting public meetings, processions, etc., in furtherance of the civil disobedience movement in the district has been extended until further orders by the District Magistrate of Coimbatore.

ARREST OF RED SHIRTS

PESHAWAR: Five Red Shirts offered themselves for arrest near the courts in Peshawar on Tuesday. They were marching with the intention of picketing at the courts.

In Swabi, a Tehsil town in the Mardan District, four Red Shirts were arrested by the police on Monday for alleged breach of peace. The Red Shirts came towards the Tehsil courts.

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the payment of Rs. 100 compensation to Mr. M. R. Chandrateya, Mahalkari of Chandor, in Nasik District whose tonga was burned during the recent disturbances.

It is learnt that orders have been passed for the release of Bibhudendra Misra, and Surajmal Sahu, law students of the Ravenshaw College. They were detained under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

10 Years For Bihar Ex-Minister

PATNA, Dec. 8.

Aggregate sentence of ten years' hard labour imposed by Special Criminal Court at Chapra under Defence of India Rules on Mr. Jagalal Choudhury, ex-Minister of Excise and Public Health, Bihar, has been upheld by Mr. Justice Agarwala at the Patna High Court.

The charge against Mr. Jagalal Choudhury was that he addressed a public meeting at Garkha in the district of Saran in which he exhorted the audience to commit act of loot and arson at Garkha police station. It was further alleged that Mr. Choudhury was in the mob which perpetrated acts of destruction at the said police station.

His Lordships said there was abundant proof to establish charge against Mr. Jagalal Choudhury. In this view of the matter His Lordship dismissed application of review.—("Amrita Bazar Patrika.")

EDITOR OF "HANUMAN" ARRESTED

MADRAS, December 15.

Mr. Ramalinga Iyer, associate editor of "Hanuman," a Tamil weekly of Madras, has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules following a search of his house. Prejudicial literature and a rotary cyclostyle machine are stated to have seized in the course of the search.

BANKURA DT. BOARD CHAIRMAN REMOVED

CALCUTTA Dec. 16: Having been "guilty of persistent negligence in the performance of his duties" as Chairman of the Bankura District Board, Khan Bahadur Dr. Syed Muhammad Siddique, M.L.A., has been removed from his office as Chairman of the Board by the Governor of Bengal by an order under the Bengal Local Self-Government Act of 1885.

This removal was recommended by the District Board of Bankura in a resolution adopted at its special meeting held on October 26.

ORISSA ARRESTS

CUTTACK, Dec. 15.

So far, 282 persons having been arrested for detention under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules since the commencement of the present disturbances and 29 are under detention under Rule 129, said Mr. J. Bowstead, Chief Secretary at the weekly Press Conference to-day. Besides there were 1,397 other arrests.

A large number of applications for allowances had been received from persons under detention under Rule 26. Only a few had been sanctioned so far, while some others had been rejected and most of the cases were still being examined. The policy in granting the allowances was "real case of necessity."—A. P.

SEARCHES IN AKOLA

AKOLA, Dec. 14.

(From Our Correspondent)

Akola Khadi Bhandar was searched yesterday by Akola Police. Also the houses of three employees of Khadi-Bhandar were also searched. It is understood that nothing objectionable was found in these four searches.

COLLECTIVE FINES.

CALCUTTA: Imposition of collective fines in eight Mauzas in the district of Dacca is announced in the latest issue of the Calcutta Gazette. The fines, amounting to Rs. 20,000 in all, will be realized from the inhabitants of the following Mauzas:—Samsabad, Kolakopa-Rajarampur, Kolakopa (proper), Hasnabad, Puakair, Bagmara, Kashimpur and Gobindapur.—A. P.

Jap Troops On Soviet Border

Tokio Concentrates Million Veterans In Manchuria

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16.

Nearly a million veteran Japanese troops are stationed on Japan's frontier with Soviet Russia, according to a traveller just returned from Manchuria. Their fortification line is south of the banks of Amur and Ussri rivers, covering Manchuria's north-western, northern and eastern borders.

The Japanese in Manchuria now have more than 30,000 miles of military highways as well as 7,500 miles of railway lines, the traveller said.

Four bridges span the Yalu river connecting Manchuria with Korea to facilitate rapid movement of troops to the Japanese—Russian frontier.—Reuter.

SOVIET SUCCESS ON RZHEV FRONT
Nazi Reinforcements For Arctic Front

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.

Soviet forces have captured more strong-points to the west of Rzhev.

"The Red Star" says that the Germans are vainly flinging reinforcements into their Kotelnikovo thrust, where the Soviet contingents are maintaining pressure and inflicting heavy losses.

NAZI FORTIFIED LINE CAPTURED

The Russians improved their positions north-west of Stalingrad, says a supplement to to-day's midday 'communique.' One German fortified line was captured. Seven hundred Germans were killed and five of their tanks destroyed. Three German counter-attacks were repelled south-west of Stalingrad. About 800 Germans were killed.

"In another sector Soviet units advanced and captured several centres of resistance. The enemy sustained heavy losses in manpower."

"On the Central Front", the supplement continues, "Soviet troops continued offensive operations and occupied several centres of resistance. West of Rzhev two fierce enemy counter-attacks were repelled. Several hundred enemy were wiped out. On another sector Russian troops dislodged the enemy from one inhabited locality.

In the area of Velikie Luki Russian troops were engaged in fighting with surrounded German garrisons."

Nazi Reinforcements For Murmansk

STOCKHOLM: Considerable German reinforcements are at present being sent from Northern Norway to the Murmansk front, it is reliably learned here. While this activity may be a prelude to a German attack, competent circles here believe that it is due to the fear or even certainty of the forthcoming Russian attack on the Arctic front.

Hitler is still ceaselessly racing up reinforcements, Panzers and infantry to the Rzhev and Velikie Luki, fronts west of Moscow, but has so far been unable to stem the Red Army's advance.

IN CAUCASUS

The Red Army captured an important point of vantage after penetrating a mile deep into the German defences south-east of Nalchik in Eastern Caucasus.

Indian And Foreign News Papers Society Meets

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

A meeting of the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society was held to-day in the Taj Mahal Hotel. Mr. Arthur Moore, President of the Society, presided. Those who attended to-day's meeting of the Society were Mr. K. Srinivasan, Managing Editor, "Hindu", Madras, Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, Editor, "Amrita Bazar Patrika", Calcutta, Mr. M. N. Cama, Managing Director, "Bombay Chronicle", Bombay, Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Managing Editor, "Hindustan Times", New Delhi, Mr. H. W. Smith, Director and Business Manager, "Times of India", Bombay, Mr. Ramnath Goenka, Editor, "Indian Express", Madras, Mr. P. L. Sondhi, Manager, "Tribune", Lahore, Mr. W. J. B. Walker, Manager, "Statesman", Calcutta, Mr. Jackson, "Madras Mail" Madras, Mr. K. K. Supariwalla, "Sind Observer", and Mr. S. Narayan, "Swadeshamitran."

Mr B. J. Kirchner, Chief Press Adviser to the Government of India, was present on invitation.—United Press.

EDITORS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference will meet on Friday the 18th instant at 11 a. m. in the committee room of the Indian Merchants' Chamber near Churchgate Station. Mr. K. Srinivasan, who arrived in Bombay on Wednesday, will preside.

RAMTEK LOOTING CASE OPENS

NAGPUR: The trial of 88 persons who are being prosecuted for looting the treasury of the Tehsil office in Ramtek and other acts of sabotage in Ramtek in the month of August last commenced here before Mr. T. D Wickenden, Special Judge. One hundred and eighty-nine witnesses will be examined on behalf of the prosecution.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

It may be pertinent to inquire how this district once among the most prosperous and fertile in the Province has come to its present plight of chronic scarcity.

—Anglo-India on the subject of famine conditions in Bijapur.

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The Standing Committee of the Sapru Conference has dropped a crude countrymade bomb, so to speak, in the shape of its recent statement.

It is a highly provocative and dangerous explosive and we urgently want to know what the Government are going to do about it.

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Some people will undoubtedly consider it to be a remarkably reasoned exposure of Government's "cynical inconsistencies" etc.

It, of course is. But therein lies its danger. Suppose it explodes abroad causing great damage to, say, public opinion in America.

We are afraid. We are terrified at the very thought of such a possibility.

But let us pull ourselves together and reassure ourselves with the confident belief that the statement will not be allowed to go out. It simply mustn't.

And—probably it won't.

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Indians, the Sapru statement insists, "are entitled to ask what Government were doing during the fateful weeks after the failure of th eCripps mission."

What a question to ask! They were, of course, making all defensive preparations to save India in August.

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"Was there not," the statement persists, "a regrettable lack of initiative on their part when the situation was so rapidly deteriorating?"

No answer need be given to the question.

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But one answer to the whole statement is certainly and immediately called.

We have already expressed the hope that it will not be permitted to go out.

But the blockade should be internal as well as external. Some body in Allahabad has blundered. The blunder can yet be redeemed. Sir Reginald Maxwell must at once forbid its further circulation and we are not sure that Sir Reginald should not also forbid the further free circulation in India of the Saprus and the Jayakars.

These Right Honourable saboteurs of the British and Indian Government's general policy, etc., must be suppressed with a firm pair of London-Delhi paws.

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Meanwhile, we hope, Sjt. Aney will not just swallow the statement but inwardly digest, too.

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The aggressive wife of a meek man was hauling her husband over the coals for having made a fool of himself when some friends called. He sat in dejected silence.

"And don't sit there," she shouted, "making fists at me in your pockets, either.

INCREASE IN PAPER PRICES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

The Government of India have to-day issued a notification enhancing the maximum prices for paper by one anna six pies per lb. The revised maximum prices which apply to paper sold in wholesale quantities by any paper mill for specified destinations are as follows:—

1. Bleached woodfree MF writing and MF printing paper 14 lbs. demy and above, including cream laid, cream wove and account book MF paper and pulp boards but excluding imitation art, supercalendered, typewriting, duplicating, map printing and blotting paper—eight annas per lb.

2. Brown wrapping and cartridge paper 22x29-30 lbs. and above—seven annas three pies per lb.

3. Ordinary Badami paper 14 lbs. Demy and above—seven annas five pies per pound.

ADDITIONAL PRICES

(a) For coloured MF printing and pulp boards one anna.

(b) For light weights—foregoing qualities under 14 lbs., demy—one anna per pound.—A. P.

"Communal Harmony Day" In Punjab

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

The 1st of March which will be a public holiday in the Punjab and will be observed every year as 'Communal Harmony Day,' according to the decision of the Punjab Communal Harmony Advisory Board, which held its first meeting under the presidentship of Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Premier.

The other recommendations made by the Board include the preparation of suitable text books in history, holding of declamations and contests and prize competitions and the creation of a Government agency to help newspapers to verify complaints and grievances of communal nature.

It was also decided to arrange the publication of suitable literature for general reading. A sub-committee was set up for the purpose.

The Board further decided on the one hand to appeal to the Press to refrain from publishing anything likely to provoke intercommunal ill-will and on the other to request Government as to whether any revision of the law was necessary to secure this end in case the newspapers did not adequately respond to the appeal.—A.P.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY DEC. 17

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Ghazlen aur geet. 5-15 Dhani Ram. 5-25 Sohan Singh. 5-45 Badarbai. 5-55 Haidar Husain. 6-10 Mashuq Ali Khan. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 Badarbai. 6-55 Sarod recital. 7 Life in America. 7-15 Dhani Ram. 7-25 Mashud Ali. 7-30 Badarbai. 7-40 Flute recital. 7-45 For villages only. 8-30 Badarbai. 8-40 Dhani Ram. 8-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 War inquiry. 10 Sohan Singh. 10-15 Mashuq Ali Khan. 10-30 Haider Husain. 10-45 Mile Jule Gaine.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1.231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Mishra Dhun. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Chhota Gandharv. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 M. Tufail. 9-18 Rafique Ghaznavi. 9-35 Gujarati garbas. 9-45 Visanji H. Maroo. 12-30 Geets. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 A light selection. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 String music. 5-15 Rafique Ghaznavi. 5-35 Visanji H. Maroo. 6 Chhota Gandharv. 6-50 Air Bhajan Mandali. 7 Book review. 7-15 Kausalya Manjeshwar. 7-30 Amir Bakhsh 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Geet. 8-15 Songs from the stage. 8-30 "Burnt Norton". 8-45 Dot and Dash. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 Agnes Barratt. 9-55 Interlude. 10 George Lester. 10-20 Tino Rossi with Orchestra. 10-35 to 10-45 Shirley Niblitt-Soparno.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Three Thumris. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Tarana. 9 Interlude. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

4-30 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Nanne Khan. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Kausalya Manjeshwar. 9-20 Instrumental duet. 9-30 Nanne Khan. 9-55 Rafique Ghaznavi. 10-15 Chhota Gandharv.

ON THE AIR *18th December*

"TRANSPORT PROBLEMS"

A SUBJECT OF VITAL INTEREST TO EVERYBODY!

In a Series of Special Broadcast Talks about our Railways in War Time, Sir Kenneth Mitchell, C.I.E., Central Transport Officer, War Transport Deptt., will speak TO-MORROW AT 8-30 P.M. (I.S.T.) from the Delhi Station All-India Radio on

"WHY RATIONING"

TUNE IN TO

AIR DELHI STATION

338.6 metres or 85.84 metres or

BOMBAY

244 metres or 89.15 metres at 8-30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER

High Court

OLD DISPUTE REACHES HEARING

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla)

Javervahoo, widow of Lalji Dayal and Others ..... Plaintiffs.

Versus.

Manibai, widow of Chhabildas Lakhmidas and Others ..... Defendants.

This was a suit filed by one Lalji Dayal in 1931 to recover from Chhabildas Lakhmidas and his son Tricumdas the sum of Rs. 6150-9-6 with interest at 9 per cent from 7th August 1931. The defendants while admitting that Rs. 5,000 had been advanced to them on 18th April 1929 disputed the rate of interest which they alleged was 6 per cent and claimed to set-off against the plaintiff's claim a sum of Rs. 2927-12-9 alleged to have been the expenses of a business carried on after 2nd November 1929 by one Ajit Singh who was Chhabildas' son and Lalji Dayal's son-in-law. The defendants alleged that Lalji Dayal had expressly agreed to bear the expenses if business was done in the name of his son-in-law. The defendants also counterclaimed to redeem certain shares pledged by them to the plaintiff on a loan of Rs. 7,500 and damages by reason of fall in prices since the date of conversion. In reply to this counterclaim the plaintiff submitted that no tender of the amount due had been made by the defendants.

The original plaintiff Lalji Dayal died on 24th February 1932 leaving the plaintiffs as the executors of his large estates. The original first defendant Chhabildas died on 29th December 1937 and the present defendants were brought on record as his legal representatives.

After the suit was filed the defendants paid up the amount admitted by them to be due to the plaintiff less the set-off claimed by them which the plaintiff accepted under protest. On 14th September 1931 the defendants also paid up under protest to the plaintiff the amount claimed by him in relation to the counterclaim and got back their pledged shares.

During the hearing of the suit, counsel for the defendants stated on Wednesday morning that he did not wish to proceed with his counter claim in so far as it related to damages and his lordship thereupon answered the corresponding issues in favour of the plaintiffs.

The hearing of the suit is proceeding.

Mr. H. D. Banaji and Mr. Jal R. Vimadalal instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. S. G. Tendolkar instructed by Messrs. Kanga and Co., appeared for the defendants.

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Hightide: 7-34, 21-07 Lowtide: 1-34, 14-26
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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

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AURORA "Thief of Bagdad" 4 6-30 and 10
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BROADWAY "Ankh Michaoli" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL "Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Pardesi" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Doctor" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
EDWARD—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Back Room Boy" 5-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
HIND MATA—"Bharat Milap" 4 ,7 and 10
IMPERIAL "Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
KOHINOOR—"Roti" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
KRISHNA—"Meenakshi" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ek-Raat 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
LIGHT HOUSE "Aouna of the South Seas" 4-30 and 7 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
METRO—"Married Bachelor" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
MINERVA "Bhakta Kabir" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Beyond the Blue Horizon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY "Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
OPERA HOUSE—"Chandni" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Joan of Paris" 4, 6-30 and 10
REGAL—"Ghost of Frankenstein" 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
ROXY—"Mera Gaon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
STRAND—"Flight from Destiny" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
SWASTIK—"Damuji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
WEST END "Churiyan" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
PARADISE—"Cowboy and the Lady" 4-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Association Geeta Jayanti will be celebrated on Friday, the 18th December 1942, at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.), in the premises of the Association, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum when there will be discourses on Geeta by Dr. Manilal Patel of Bharateeya Vidhya Bhuvan and Rev. Fr. A Esteller of St. Xavier College. Prof. V. N. Naik will preside. All are invited.

THE MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: The annual Elocution Trophy Competition to-day (Thursday) at 5-45 p.m. in the Anjuman-i-Islam School Hall.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: Public study class on "Can We Overcome Destiny?" at 8-14 p.m at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, to-day.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: First Aid Lecture on "Structure of Human Body and the Bending, Cracking or Breaking of a Bone" by Mr. Burjor J. Shroff at 4-15 p.m. at Hindustan Vanaspati Mfg Co. Ltd., at Sewri to-day

W. I. A. A. ON BLACK-OUTS: "The driver wants to see you. Help him when walking across dimly lit streets, or along dark roads by wearing or carrying something white. This will enable the driver to see you better."

THE KANARA ATHLETIC CLUB: Entries for open cycling sprint events (mass start) of 10 miles for seniors and 5 miles for novices on December 27th to be closed on the 25th. Entry forms and other particulars can be obtained from the Club Secretary Mr. I. C. Amin or from Mr. R N. Utchil, Phone No. 32139.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATIONS: The Chief Superintendent Central Telegraph office Calcutta reports that telegraph communication with Bombay, Madras, Agra and Lahore and their adjacent areas continues to be interrupted or heavily disturbed. Traffic is subject to serious delay.

Traffic from Bombay to Karachi and adjacent areas is subject to serious delay.

Bombay transmission time to New Delhi and Madras is now normal

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

Lady Lumley attended by Captain J. A Roemmele. Aide-de-Camp, arrived Government House, Bombay, from Ganeshkhind on Wednesday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a Cinema Performance at the Regal Cinema in aid of the Bombay War Gifts Fund on Wednesday.

INTER-COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

Elphinstone College And Royal Institute Win Rahimtulla Cup

The Elphinstone College and the Royal Institute of Science won the Bombay Inter-College Tournament for the Rahimtulla Cup for this year by defeating Wilson College by an innings and 508 runs at the Brabourne Stadium on Wednesday. The Elphinstonians put up a record total of 749. The Wilsonians in their second innings were all out for 127. Koli from the Elphinstonian side carried his bat to an unbeaten 143.

Score:—Wilson College (1st ings)	114
Elphinstone College (1st ings.)	749
Wilson College (2nd ings.)	127
A. J. Irani	0
G. S. Wagh not out	58
Jadhav	0
R. V. Divecha	25
S. V. Divecha	1
D. G. Rege	4
P. K. Chaubal	11
A. M. Kapur	0
H. B. Uzgare	8
G. S. Shete	11
V. K. Lajmi	0
Extras	8
Total	121

A.-I. BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The All-India Badminton Championships have indeed reached a rousing state. V. N. Iyer and K. R. Lotwalla rose worthy winners by defeating the long and strong combination of K. M. Ranganekar and R. N. Kanga: Miss Dadiburjor and V. N. Iyer put up a very creditable performance against a formidable pair Miss M. R. Vimadalal and V. A. Madgavkar and carried the day the game having been played to three sets.

The following are the results of yesterday's matches.

Miss A. R. Vimadalal beat Miss S. Kesar 12—10, 12—9

G. Lewis and Davinder beat A. V. Ullal and B. V. Ulla 15—12, 15—11.

K. R. Lotwalla and V. N Iyer beat K. M. Ragnekar and R. N. Kanga 15—7, 18—15.

Prakash Ashok beat W. V. Dukle and M. N. Desai 15—6, 15—12.

Miss P. De Lima and Davinder beat Miss Chitale and K. M. Ragnekar 15—10, 18—13.

Miss P. Anund beat Miss M. R. Chinoy 11—5, 6—11, 11—3.

G. D. Patwardhan and D. G. Mugwe beat S. L. Jaini and Bhupinder 15—6, 15—5.

Miss V. Desai and D. G. Mugwe beat Miss T. Deodhar and Harnarain 15—1, 15—10.

Miss S. Deodhar and G. D. Patwardhan beat Miss F. Talyarkhan and V. P. Kapadia 15—8, 15—1.

Miss Dadiburjor and V. N. Iyer beat Miss M. R. Vimadalal and V. A. Madgavkar 17—16, 7—15, 18—13.

Miss T. Deodhar and Harnarain beat Miss Anund and Ashok

To-day's Matches

Centre Court: 4-30 p.m. Mrs. Lewis and Miss P. Anund vs. Mrs. G. V. Acharya and Partner; 5 p.m. Miss T. Deodhar and Miss S. Deodhar vs. Miss S. Kesar and Partner; 5-20 p.m. G. D. Patwardhan vs. Davinder Mohan; 5-50 p.m. V. A. Madgavkar vs. K. M. Ragnekar; 6-20 p.m. D. G. Mugwe vs. Prakash Nath; 6-50 p.m. G. Lewis vs. V. N. Iyer; 7-15 p.m. Miss S. Deodhar and G. D. Patwardhan vs. Miss V. Desai and D. G. Mugwe; 7-45 p.m. Miss Dadiburjor and V. N. Iyer vs. Miss P. de Lima and Davinder.

BOMBAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

An orgy of goals marked the G.I.P. Rly., Headquarters "A" versus B.E.S.T. encounter in the Bombay Hockey League last evening, the Railwaymen coming off easy winners by ten love. Of these, Gurbachan Singh was responsible for the third to the sixth in succession, while the remaining six were shared equally by Hakim and Munir.

In the second division fixture played on the Parsee Cyclists' ground, the Bombay Port Trust and Goan Athletic failed to come to a decision neither side being able to score.

TO-DAY'S GAME 5-30 P.M.

G.I.P. Rly., workshops "A" v/s Young Sports.

Maharashtra And Ranji Trophy

POONA, Dec. 16.

From the general trend of opinion in cricket circles here, it now appears fairly certain that the Maharashtra Cricket Association might finally choose to participate in the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournaments this year. It is learnt that Baroda has already extended an invitation to the Maharashtra cricket eleven to play in Baroda and in case Maharashtra officially decides to play the fixture between Maharashtra and Baroda it will it is understood be held at Baroda on Jan. 2nd, 3rd and 4th. —A. P.

MADHUSUDAN MILLS LTD.

Presiding over the ninth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Madhusudan Mills, Seth Haridas Madhavdas referred to the satisfactory working of the mills. After deducting a sum of Rs. 1,32,000 for depreciation the accounts show a profit of Rs. 20,49,358. He added that after the Directors' Report was issued and sent to the Shareholders 18,000 fully paid up B shares of Rs. 20 each representing the sum of Rs. 3,60,000 capitalised from the Reserve Fund have been allotted to the holders of the 18,000 A shares whose names stood on the Register of members on the 16th November 1942, pursuant to the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 28th September 1942. The Allotment Letters in respect of the said 18,000 B shares have been posted to all the entitled shareholders.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 16.

The following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 12-12-42:—

Allahabad 77 49 nil; Bombay 92 69 nil; Calcutta 81 58 nil; Cawnpore 75 46 nil; Cuttack 80 57 nil; Darjeeling nil; Delhi 73 46 nil; Dehra Dun 71 nil; Jacobabad 81 48 nil; Karachi 83 65 nil; Lahore 73 42 nil; Lucknow 79 47 nil; Madras 81 71 T; Nagpur 82 53 nil; Patna 79 57 nil; Peshawar 72 49 nil; Shillong 65 38 nil; Simla 58 46 nil.—A.P

ARUDHRA FESTIVAL ABANDONED

CHIDAMBARAM, Dec. 14.

At an extraordinary meeting of Podhu Dikshadars held in the temple premises last night, it was resolved to stop entirely the Arudhra Dharshan festival of the Nataraja Temple in view of the Section 144 order. In the opinion of the Dikshadars processions with the deity round the car streets is essential from a religious point of view. Attempts to relax the conditions had, they state, were of no avail.

The arohanam due to-day did not take place. Pandals erected already have been removed.

This is the first time in the annals of the temple that the festival is stopped. Meanwhile, entrance permits to the temple is being issued at the municipal office.—"Hindu."

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress accepted unanimously the principles of the Beveridge report, subject to certain reservations on details and benefits to be worked out later.

ALERT IN OUTER LONDON AREA

LONDON, Dec. 16.

An air raid warning was sounded in an Outer London area this afternoon.

The alert lasted only a short time. No incidents are reported.

ENEMY BOMBERS OVER BRITAIN

A "communique" states: "During the night there was slight enemy activity for a short period over parts of Eastern England but no bombs were dropped."

NINE KILLED

Nine people were killed and a number of others injured when a single German raider attacked a small town on the East Anglian coast in daylight yesterday.

Pacific Relations Conference

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A valuable exchange of views has resulted from the Canadian conference of the Royal Institute on Pacific Relations.

The British delegation, whose head is Lord Hailey, includes the greatest British expert on China, Sir John Pratt. Sir John Pratt, who served for a long time in the Far Eastern Consular Service, retired in 1938. On the outbreak of the war he became head of the Far Eastern Section at the Ministry of Information, from which he resigned in 1941.

After the Institute's meeting is finished he will lecture in the United States.

NAZIS WANT FINGER-PRINTS OF ENTIRE POPULATION

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.

German authorised in France, Belgium, Holland and Norway have ordered the police to take fingerprints of the entire population according to the Moscow radio today. The order is being stubbornly resisted. Many people in Holland have objected on "religious grounds."—Reuter.

BR. GOVT. INVITES MADAME CHIANG

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The British Government has invited Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to come to Britain after her visit to the United States.

No reply has yet been received. —Reuter.

JACKIE COOPER ENTERS NAVY

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 15

Jackie Cooper, 20-year-old film actor, to-day entered the United States Navy Reserve. He will prepare for Commission as an ensign.—Reuter.

GERMAN NOTE TO SWISS GOVT.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.

The official German News Agency said to-day on the Berlin Radio that the German Government has handed a note to the Swiss Government at Berne on the manacling of prisoners. The contents of the note were not disclosed.—Reuter.

NAVSARI MILL STRIKE

SURAT, Dec. 16.

The workers of the Mafatlal Mills at Navsari went on a strike yesterday and the strike continues to-day, according to reports received here. It is stated that the strike is over the demand of the workers for increased dearness allowance on account of the abnormal rise in the cost of necessaries and for a bonus for the current year.—A. P.

Sir Mirza's Term Extended

JAIPUR, Dec. 16.

It is understood Sir Mirza Ismail was offered and has accepted an extension of his term as Prime Minister of Jaipur by two years.—A. P.

Five Phalton Road Garages Gutted

Considerable damage was caused by a fire that broke out on Wednesday night in a motor-garage belonging to Narayendas Jegopal Mera and situated at the farther end of Phalton Road opposite the Crawford Market. The fire spread to five adjoining garages which were all gutted.

A pedestrian noticed some smoke emanating from one of the garages. Soon it developed into flames which began to spread in all directions. The fire brigade was summoned, and within a few minutes about six fire engines arrived on the spot. Within half an hour the fire was brought under control. The cars in some of the garages were promptly removed from there in safe condition. The car of Mr Abdul Kadir Husein Vasi parked in garage No. 46 was, however, partly burnt. An adjoining cutlery shop timber godown and restaurant suffered some damage more by water than by fire.

The cause of the fire is not known.

RAILWAY REVENUE SHOOTS UP

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15.

The Standing Finance Committee for Railways met at the Imperial Secretariat, on December 15 and 16 under the chairmanship of Mr. T. S. Sankara Aiyar, Financial Commissioner for Railways.

The Committee were informed that as a result of the higher priority, which it has now been possible to secure for railway requirements, the railways now hoped to obtain, during 1943-44 100 broad gauge and 92 metre gauge locomotives which would require an additional provision of 5 1/2 crores

For the current year, the approximate gross earnings for the eight months ending November 30, 1942 are 92.71 crores, i.e. 10.61 crores more than the actuals of the corresponding period of the last year. The working expenses for the six months ending September 30, 1942 for which the figures are available, show an increase of 3.19 crores over the figures of the corresponding period of the last year and amount to 31.15 crores. —A. P.

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Chittagong Attacked Twice On Tuesday

R. A. F. Intercepts Enemy Raiders, Brings Down Three

NEW DELHI, December 16.

"Yesterday morning two formations of Japanese bombers escorted by fighters made an attack on the Chittagong area.

Damage caused was negligible and there are no reports of bombs falling in the town.

Casualties are reported to have been extremely light," states an India Command joint war communique.

R.A.F. fighters intercepted the raiders and destroyed three of them as well as damaging several others. None of our aircraft is missing.

Shortly after dark yesterday evening a small number of enemy bombers made a further attack in the same area. No damage or casualties have been reported.—A.P.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF MATCH-BOXES IN CITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Whether it is due to a genuine scarcity or to the withholding of stocks by dealers, there is an acute shortage of match-boxes in the city since yesterday morning.

Shop-keepers refuse to sell a match-box at even so high a price as an anna for a match-box.

The situation is worse in the Fort area. Simultaneously yesterday all the shop-keepers in the South of the city stopped selling match-boxes on the plea that they had no stocks.

SAVE PEOPLE FROM DANGER OF STARVATION

Mr. Bhujpuria Urges Govt. To Ease Food Situation

The city is faced with an acute shortage of foodstuff and other necessaries of life and unless prompt and immediate steps are taken by the Government to import foodstuff, the rich and the poor alike will have to face starvation Prices of inferior quality rice have shot up to such an extent that the poor and the middle classes find it difficult to purchase even this low quality rice. Wheat has completely disappeared the market.

A graphic account of the acute food situation in the city was given by Mr. Khimji. M. Bhujpuria, ex-President of the Grain Dealers' Association when interviewed by a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle."

"The food situation in the city" he said "has become so grave and critical that I am afraid that unless the Government move immediately in the matter, thousands will have to face starvation.

The seriousness of the situation had been stressed for the last 15 months to the Government by the Grain Dealers' Association but the situation, he said had deteriorated.

The only rice now available in the market he said was jirasal and there was a great scarcity of inferior rice. The price of the latter quality of rice, according to Mr. Khimji, had of late gone up by 50 per cent more than that of super quality rice.

The market price of the inferior quality of rice is now Rs. 38|- for a bag of 163 lbs. The pre-war rate used to be between 12 and 13 rupees.

The poor people, who depend on this quality of rice cannot even get this now in the market.

Mr. Khimji further stated that in spite of the best intentions of the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarker, Commerce Member, Bombay was not likely to get foodstuffs in the near future because of the bans imposed on export by several provincial governments. He also said that retailers found it difficult to get bags of rice and had to wait for days and days in queues in front of the Permit office at Carnac Bunder.

Concluding he said "The situation is becoming critical and grave. If fodstuffs are not immediately imported into the city, people will die by inches because of starvation."

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Tara Ali Baig is settling down to do a spot of work, when many others are probably doing Christmas shopping. Unashamed to beg for a good cause, she is collecting clothes for the famine-stricken of Bijapur, who in addition to having no warmth in their stomachs have not even enough wherewith to face the winter. She has devised a coupon system, in which you fill your name and address if you are a Bombay resident and have some clothes you can spare for the poor and these will be collected from your house. I think if you will scrounge round your house there'll be a number of things you have never used. Could you be so kind and give them to some people who could wear them and remember your kindness? Sarees, dhoties, children's clothes, coats, blankets and other material will be most welcome, I am told. What about some red carpet, which could be used as blankets?

* * *

I hear that President Roosevelt has been both shrewd and diplomatic in the appointment of Mr. Phillips as his personal representative. Whereas, Willkie's presence in India may have been too much for the British to swallow, Roosevelt very tactfully didn't insist on Willkie including India in his itinerary. But he sent another equally good man to keep him informed on India. The excuse is very good. There are American troops in India which are the U. S.'s prime care. But I doubt whether Mr. Phillips will be here to see that the U. S. tommy gets his proper ration of camel cigarettes. I think Mr. Phillips will be one more source of contact between nationalist India and the people of the United States. That is my reading of the appointment.

I hope you noted that, as forecasted by the Half Column, it has now become apparent why Madame Chiang Kai-Shek flew to America for reasons of health. Anyone's health would suffer by the studied indifference of the Powers to China's problem of defence.

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Reproduced by courtesy of Tete-a-Tete: "General Stilwell, C.-in-C. of the U. S. forces in India, Burma and China, is reported to have arrived in New Delhi from Chungking. Why is the General so persistent?"

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 11th day of December, 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	10,02,83,000
Notes in circulation	558,27,23,000
Total Notes issued	568,30,06,000
Total Liabilities	568,30,06,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 75.180 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion :—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	—
Sterling Securities	382,83,39,000
Total of A.	427,24,82,000
B. Rupee Coin	13,67,09,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	127,38,15,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	—
Total Assets	568,30,06,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 11th December, 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits :—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Government of India	18,28,51,000
(2) Government of Burma	26,92,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	5,64,42,000
(b) Banks	54,32,63,000
(c) Others	4,58,59,000
Bills Payable	4,02,88,000
Other Liabilities	3,70,18,000
Rupees	100,84,13,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	10,02,83,000
Rupee Coin	8,22,000
Subsidiary Coin	2,92,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted :—	
(a) Internal	—
(b) External	—
(c) Government Treasury Bills	1,46,37,000
Balances held abroad*	79,16,89,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	1,30,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	—
Investments	6,53,78,000
Other Assets	2,23,12,000
Rupees	100,84,13,000

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH
New York, Dec. 16.

Previous closing	18.82
To-day's opening	18.86
Difference	+.04

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Dec. 16.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

T T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Dec. 16.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS
London, Dec. 16.

Castorseeds Bombay December/January (£29 quoted) £29 quoted
Linseed Calcutta December/January (£23 quoted) £23 quoted
Linseed La Plata December/January unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal December/January East Coast Indian shipment (£24 1/2 quoted) £24 1/2. West Coast Indian shipment (£25 1/2 quoted) £25 1/2 quoted

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 16.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 16.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES
London, Dec. 16.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 16.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet to-day.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
5 per cent Commonwealth £101 1/8

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £81 1/8
3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 7/16
4 per cent War Loan £113 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/8
3 per cent War Loan £102 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 23-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 47-9
Electric Music Industry 18-7 1/2
Princhin Johnson 30-6
Imperial Chemical 36-3
Woolsworth Ordinary 59-4 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78 1/2
Dunlop Rubber 33-9
Unilever Ordinary 33-6
Ford Motors 31-7 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £76
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 15/16
Carrears 'A' £5 15-16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 3/16
P and O Defd 31-9
Distillers 65-0
Bredford Dyers 14-9
British Celanese 15-9
J and P Coates 41-6
Courtaulds Ordinary 46-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 16-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary 18-0
Inter Nickels 45 1/4
Indian Iron 62-6

TEA SHARES
Assam 20-9
Donaro Tea 34-0
Rubber Plant 19-6

JUTE
Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch 13-9
Gula Kelampong 10-0
Rubber Plant 18-3

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 20-0
Burma Corporation 5-10 1/2
Rio Tintos £10
East Rand Properties £1 31/32
Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES
Crown £9 1/8
Associated Portland Cement 53-9
Trinidad Leasehold 75-7 1/2
Sub-Nigel £5 15/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 29/32
Union Corporation 145-0

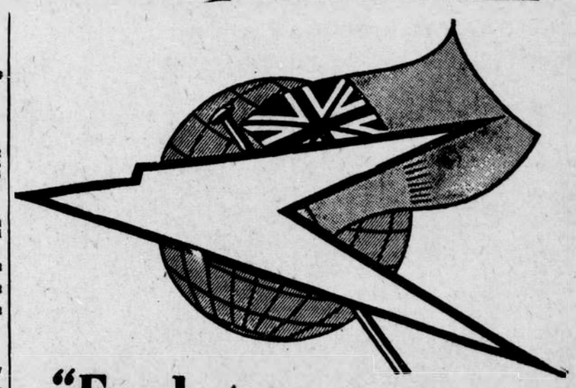
OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 34-4 1/2
Anglo-India 78-9
Burma Oil £2 11/16
Mexican Eagle 11-4 1/2
Shell Transport £3 7/32
Royal Dutch £25 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £57 1/2
London Midland Ordinary £27 5/8
London North Eastern Defd £4 5/8
London Southern Defd £23
London Transport 5 per cent £128
London Transport 'C' £35

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 15.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors (unquoted) dol 45
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 5/8) dol 24 5/8
United States Steel (dol 46 3/8) dol 47 1/8
United States Steel Preference (dol 108 3/4) unquoted.



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GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 16.

3 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 99
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 94
3 per cent 1948/52 Loan 100/7
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 99/14
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103/8
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 95/8
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 102
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 110/6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114
3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102/12

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 108/15
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 117
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 127/8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 108/8
4 per cent M Deb 1974 109/8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 109
5 per cent M Deb 1954 128
6 per cent K. P T 1956 127

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BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 16.

The local share bazar opened steady and under active buying prices advanced but later on some unfounded rumour prices reacted to opening levels on increased offerings. The market was steady at the decline.

The Wall Street market opened firm on Tuesday but war news was uninspiring. However investment buying broadened pushing favourite ahead fractions to more than one point with several issues touching new high levels. Top marks were reduced in the final hour and the session closed steady.

In the local market Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1735 and rose to Rs. 1760 but eased off to Rs. 1732. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 357 and after advancing to Rs. 362 reacted to Rs. 357. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1713 and declined to Rs. 1695.

TEXTILE SECTION

Closing quotations were as under :—

Ahmedabad Advance 405; Bharat Mills 79; Bombay Dyeing 1706/4; Central India 397; Century 522; Colaba Land 229; Dawn 1110; E. D. Sassoon 3-7 1/4; Finlay 325; Gokak 352; Hindustan xd 3725; Indian Manfg xd 3500; Indian Bleaching 237; Indore Malwa 745; Khatau 355; Kohinoor 625; Lakshmi 1155; Madhowji 21/4; Minerva 174/6; Model Nagpur xd 326/4; Morarji 810; Mysore 190; New Great 373/8; Phoenix 641/4; Podar Mills 275; Sassoon Silk 105; Sholapur 8300; Simplex 278; Svadeshi 453; Swan 298; Tata Mills 55; Vishnu 2200; Western India xd 3275.

INSURANCE SECTION

Bombay Life 162/8; Empire Life 675; Indian Mercantile 72; Industrial and Prudential 34; Jupiter 16/12; New India 60; Oriental 4410; Vulcan 11/2.

HYDRO AND ELECTRIC SECTION

Ahmedabad 192/8; Ajmere 14; Andhra Valley ord 1780; Bombay Tram ord 145; Bombay Suburban 183/12; Karachi 225; Broach 13; Poona 225; Surat 265; Surat New Rs. 50 Pd Prem 70; Tata Hydro ord 188; Tata Power ord 1672/8.

BANK SECTION

Bank of India 158; Baroda 129; Bombay Provincial 57; Central Bank 56/4; Imperial Bank F P 1646/4; Imperial Bank P P 402/8; Reserve 104/8; Union 7/7.

PREFERENCE SHARES

7 per cent Andhra Valley 1655; 6 per cent Bombay Steam 350; 7 per cent Bombay Tram 78/8; 6 per cent Central India 682/8; 6 1/2 per cent Surat Electric 193/12; 6 1/2 per cent Jupiter Ins. 16; 6 1/4 per cent Premier Construction 1st 125; 6 1/4 per cent Premier Construction 2nd 124/8; 6 per cent Tata I. and S. 1st 213/12; 7 1/2 per cent Tata I. and S. 2nd 140/8; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1650; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 165; 7 per cent Vishnu 800.

DEBENTURES

4 per cent Andhra Valley 104/12; 4 per cent Tata Power 106; 5 per cent Sholapur Rs. 64 Pd 72/12; 6 per cent Marsland Price 113/8; 4 per cent Tata Chemical 165.

RAILWAY SECTION

Ahmedabad Prantej 920; Central Provinces 109; Ghond Baramati 105; Gujarat 106; Hoshiarpur Doab 102; Mandra Bhon 108; Mymensing Rebate 101; Mymensing Gtd. 105; Pachora Jamner 99; Sara Sirajganj 102; Sialkot Narowal 115; Sialkot New 48; Sind Light 75; Upper Sind Light 114.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

Alembic Chemical 310; Alcock Ashdown 575; Associated Cement 205/12; B. B. Petrol 2 1/2; Belapur Sugar 225; Bombay Burma old 335; Bombay Burma new 115; Bombay Steam xd 425; Indian Radio ord 367/8; Indian Radio defd 360; Investment Trust 56; Premier Construction 142/8; Port Canning 89; Scindia xd 24/8; Shivrajpur 56/8; Tata ord 359; Tata defd 1732/8; Tata Chemical 22/6; Tata Oil 76/4; Wimco 308/12; Burma Corporation 2/14; B.I.C. ord 6/1; Indian Copper 2/5; Indian Iron 33/4; Steel Corp of Bengal 24/14; New Victoria ord 8/8.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Tata Ordinary 361; Tata Deferred 1742/8; Indian Iron 33/12; Steel Corpn of Bengal 25; Bombay Dyeing 1702/8; Central India 397/8; Century 624/6; Gokak 353/2; Kohinoor 625; Simplex 276; Andhra Valley 1780; Tata Hydro 187/8; Tata Power 1670; Associated Cement 206/8; Belapur 226/14; Bombay Burma (old) 335.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, Dec. 16.

Following are the closing prices on the Madras Stock Exchange :—

Sugars and Breweries : Deccan Big 260; Deccan Small 61; India Sugar 12/8; Mysore Sugar 62/12; South India 13/8 cd; Travancore 15 cd.

Plantings : Cochin-Malabar 15/6 xr; Chembra Peaks 9/7; Coorg 64/8; High Produce 36/8; Kaipettas 39/12 cd; Kalasa 12/10; Malankara 80; Midland 15 cd; Ouchterlony 10/4; Peermade 41/8; Vaikundam 18/12; Vellamalai 21/10; Vellitam 37/8.

Textiles : B and C ord 288; Cambodia 30 xd; Coimbatore Spg 221; Coimbatore Pioneer 358; Dhanalaxmi 448; Janardhana 170; Kaleeswarar 518; Kothari Tex 20/4; Lakshmi 107; Lakshmi new 104; Mettur 248; Madura 62/8; Rangavilas 130; Vasantha 278.

Miscellaneous : And. Cement 97; Bruntons 13/2; Indian Steel Roll 6/12; Mysore Lamps 19/8; Mysore Chem and Fert 22/8; Mysore Paper 20 cd; Mettur Chem 22/8 xd; Singareni 10; Spencer 7/14.

Calcutta Share Quotations

Calcutta, Dec. 15.

Jutes : Adamjee 27; Alliance 335; Anglo-India xd 355; Auckland 183; Bally xd 264; Belvedere 420; Biria 37/8; Budge Budge 376; Caledonian 390; Cheviot 191; Clive 24/8; Dalhousie 230; Delta 440; Empire 29/8; Ganges xd 353; Fort Gloster xd 556; Fort William xd 256; Gourepore xd 705; Howrah xd 55; Hukumchand 20/8; India 440; Kamarhatty 504; Kankinarrah 404; Kelvin 550; Kinnison 345; Lansdowne 142; Lawrence 240; Lothian 245; Naihati 220; National 24/8; Northbrook 28; Nuddea xd 72/8; Orient 192; Reliance 56; Union 335.

Sugar : New Savan 14; Carew xd 15/4; Cawnpore 30/4, Champoran 26; Buland 44; Raza 45/8; Mysore 61/8.

Coal : Amalgamated 30/10; Bengal 401; Burrakur xd 14; Equitable 35/6; New Beerbhoom 18; West Jamuria 32/9.

Miscellaneous : Hasimara Tea 52; Killcot Tea 64; Arthur Butler 14/4; Indian Cables 27/4; Burn and Co xd 358; Braithwaites 9; Balmer Lawrie 350; Dunlop Rubber 49; Bengal Paper 170; Titaghur Paper 21/12; B.I.C. ord 6/1; New Victoria Mill Ord 8/8; New Victoria Mill Pref 11/12; B. N. Cotton 28/8; Indian Steel W. P O. xd 53/8; Indian Steel W. Defd xd 33.

Hapur Quotations

Hapur, Dec. 15.

Gur ready 6/4 to 7. Arrivals 500 mds. Cotton ready 1 1/4. Sur January 25/13. March 25/15. Bajra Poos 6/2/6. Rapeseed Maha 8/1. Jaith 7/11/6. Market bearish on heavy speculative transactions.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 16.

LONDON—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/5 5/16 Four Months
B. C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1-5 31/32 D D 1-5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D Rs 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE
Banks selling T T Frcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Frcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 2 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call 1 and 2 months 1/4 per cent 3 to 4 months 1/2 per cent 10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone :—Small enquiry.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 16.

On Tuesday, the New York cotton market was quiet and the session was inactive. During the early part of the day there was some Mill price-fixing which met scattered hedging and December liquidation induced by the issuance of 5,900 bales tenders and traders were cautious pending further developments. The Chicago wheat market was firm on short covering and scarcity of offerings.

The cotton market opened at a rise of 2 points with March quoted 18.88 and improved to 18.90 which was the highest level. Thereafter prices sagged and December was quoted 18.78. The market closed at a net decline of 4 to 9 points. Spot cotton prices declined 3 points at 20.49c per lb.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was easy and closed at a decline of 15 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices lost 9 points at 19.49c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES—
New York March highest (10-6 a.m.) ..... 18.90+04
New York March lowest (2-51 p.m.) ..... 18.78—08

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec. 15.

December	19.12—04
January	18.88—04
March	18.82—04
May	18.69—05
July	18.52—09
October	18.49—06
Middling Spot	20.49—03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec. 15.

December	19.28—12
January	19.11—15
March	19.01—09
May	18.88—08
July	18.75—09
October	18.67—10
Middling Spot	19.41—09

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, Dec. 15.

March	18.86
May	18.72

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 15.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 15.
Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Dec. 15.
T T London on :—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17 4
Stockholm sellers 15.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT
London, Dec. 15.
Wheat Rosario Santa Fe Dec/Jan quoted 26
Wheat South Australian Dec/Jan quoted 28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Dec. 15.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£67 3/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	not quoted
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£81 1/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/16
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 5/16
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 3/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£7 7/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£69 1/8
National Bank of India	£30

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 16.

The local cotton market was firm under professional support and on shortage of class cotton in up-country markets. The market opened at Rs. 432 for I.C.C. January and advanced to Rs. 435. At this level there appeared some liquidation and prices reacted to Rs. 431. The market is highly manipulated and is becoming risky. There was further active realising and prices declined to Rs. 427/8. Closing quotations were as under :

I. C. C. January	428	8	0
I. C. C. March	424	0	0
I. C. C. May	429	8	0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Dec. 16.
RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year	Since 1st Sept. last year
Khandesh	96	21,984	10,911
Central India	102	9,418	5,293
Barsi and Nagar	....	6,581	14,994
Hyderabad/Gaorani	....	2,760	570
Berar	696	45,768	33,409
Central Provinces	.....	5,973	11,336
Total Oomras	893	92,474	70,513
Dholeras	.....	5,005	12,589
N W Provinces	.....	414	949
Rajputana	.....	.....	279
Sind-Punjab	2,918	141,212	117,303
Broach	.....	16,176	14,097
Coompta and Dharwar	.....	50,941	5,494
Westerns-Northerns	.....	14,829	5,411
Cocoanada	.....	.....	.....
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	14,340	7,296
Arrived by road to 10th December 1942	.....	13,500	17,500

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Yesterday, London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot and Forward silver quotations were 23 1/2d and New York Spot silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. Mr. Morgenthau, the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury said at the Press Conference that silver would be available to the United Nations as a loan. This induced long liquidations in the local market and silver after opening at Rs. 100 declined to Rs. 98. At this level there appeared some covering and prices recovered.

Quotations were as under :—

GOLD

Ready	Rs. 64	0	0
1st settlement	63	12	0
Sovereigns	46	13	1

SILVER

Ready	99	8	0
1st settlement	97	13	0

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Tyrone Power and Joan Fontaine in "This Above All" at Eros from Friday.

"This Above All" At Eros

"This Above All" popular is being brought to the screen at Eros from to-morrow (Friday) Tyrone Power and Joan Fontaine.

The story is told against the thrilling background of the present war and is full of adventure, romance, suspense, spectacle and drama. In fact it is a faithful picturization of the famous novel by Eric Knight.

Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck and directed by Anatole Litvak the film is an outstanding screen achievement. One of the numerous highlights of the film is the scene in which Prudence defines to Briggs, what England stands and fights for.

"Her Cardboard Lover" At Metro

"Her Cardoard Lover," based on a play by Jacques Deval, is a fast-moving yet glamorous film about a lady, who hires one man who loves her to keep her from falling in love with another and the stars are Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor. The film is running at Metro from Wednesday.

"Bad Men Of Missouri" At Strand And Lighthouse

The bad men in "Bad Men of Missouri" are really good men, in so far as whatever law-breaking and criminality they indulge in, is really to save their own honour and lands from—exploiting bankers. The story dates back to the days of Abraham Lincoln in American history and a full of action and motion. It is a Warner Brothers' picture simultaneously being released at Strand and Lighthouse from Friday.

"SON OF FURY" AT PALACE

Tyrone Power surpasses all his previous stirring performances in "Son of Fury," which is at Palace this week. Based on Edison Marshall's best-selling story of the early 1800's, it depicts the adventures of a nameless urchin who must go through life battling the world for his birthright.

"RIO RITA" AT AURORA

"Rio Rita" in which Bud Abbott and Lou Costello disport themselves as a pair of comic spy-chasers, is the current X'Mas attraction at Aurora. Kathryn Grayson sings delightfully in the title role with John Carroll as her leading man.

"DEFEAT OF THE GERMANS NEAR MOSCOW" AT CAPITOL

"Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow" will be continued for another week at Capitol. It is most realistic topical.

"BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON" AT NEW EMPIRE

"Beyond the Blue Horizon" starring Dorothy Lamour is continued for another week at New Empire.

"JUNGLE BOOK" STARRING SABU AT EXCELSIOR

After months of painstaking preparation and research, Alexander Korda has transferred to the screen the thrilling adventure classic, Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book", which was filmed in technicolor and stars Sabu in the role of Mowgli, a creature that is half-boy and half-wolf. Kipling's "Jungle Book" was directed by Zoltan Korda and will be shown at Excelsior from to-morrow (Friday) through United Artists

Korda budgeted his massive Technicolor picturization of the story at more than a million dollars. Props alone for Kipling's "Jungle Book" cost dollars 60,000 while items used to embellish the film account of the exploits of the young boy who was raised by jungle wild animals and returned to his native village after twelve years to learn again the ways of man were valued at dollars 150,000.

Sabu and his fiancee in 'Jungle Book' at Excelsior from Friday.

Jane Wyman and Arthur Kennedy in "Bad Men From Missouri" at Strand.

"Eagle Squadron" At Regal

In "Eagle Squadron" the new Universal film Producer Walter Wanger has notably achieved the screen's first authentic story of the great war both in the air and on the land.

From the English fighting front comes this story of American fighter pilots who joined the Royal Air Force long before their own country's entrance into the War. Their swift Spitfires have written many a heroic chapter in the war of the clouds since then.

The fact that many incidents in the picture are based on exploits of the real Eagle Squadron lends to the Wanger production a dramatic authenticity seldom achieved on the screen.

PROGRAMME AT PARADISE

Columbia's big musical "You'll Never Get Rich" featuring Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth, will be shown from Friday 18 to Monday 21 at Paradise (Mahim).

From Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th Joe E. Brown's hilarious comedy "So You Won't Talk?" will be shown.

U. S. PAY INCREASE BILL PASSED

Will Benefit 1,500,000 American Employees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

The Senate passed unanimously on Tuesday a 260 million dollar pay increase bill for Government workers. The bill would give ten per cent war bonus to all employees in the lower categories.

The House of Representatives later also passed the bill which was sent to the White House. The measure will benefit 1,500,000 employees.

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Punjab Minister On Reported Decision Of Non-Party Conference

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 16.

"With due deference to the intellectual eminence of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. Rajagopalachariar and other prominent members of the Non-Party Conference, the reported decision of the Conference to submit to Mr. Jinnah for his approval a formula conceding in some form the principle of Pakistan will be deeply resented by all parties which have hitherto opposed any such concession", says the Hon'ble Sir Chhoturam, Revenue Minister, Punjab, in a press statement. The Minister is on a two-day visit to Rawalpindi.

"The submission of a formula" he adds, "based on the concession of the principle of Pakistan by individuals however eminent who on their own showing do not represent any notable party, is a tactical and political blunder of the first magnitude. It will worsen the situation instead of improving it. The offering of any terms which are not likely to prove acceptable to important political parties or important sections of the community is worse than useless. Such a course will only raise false hopes which will further embitter Mr. Jinnah by their failure. It is earnestly to be hoped that reports in the press on the subject are unfounded."—A. P.

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TRIUMPHANT 'TRUANT' NOW IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 16.

After two and a half years absence during which she sank or damaged over 20 Axis ships and steamed over 80,000 miles in the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and Java Seas, the British submarine "Truant' under Lieutenant Commander H. A. V. Haggard has arrived at a base in Britain, flying the skull and cross bones "success" flag of the submarine service.

Much of the "truants'" time was spent in the Indian ocean. Twice she was nearly sunk by the Japanese who dropped depth charges all round her.

The "Truants'" "bag" included two out of three supply ships in a Japanese convoy.—Reuter.

Roosevelt's Letter To Chiang Over New Bond Of Communication

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16

The Chinese Ambassador was present at President Roosevelt's press conference and listened to President Roosevelt say that he had broken a rule of many years' standing by writing a letter to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in Longhand for the inauguration of the radio colour photo service between the United States and China.

The President explained that the letter would reach Chungking in one or one and a half hours. He added that the service is quite a feat and that a new bond of communication with the people of China.

The letter says. "My dear Generalissimo: The once vast distances between our two countries have been successively diminished by steamship, radio, cable, aeroplane and now by this marvel of science which we are utilising to-day.

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